



Nuckolls County Board Minutes



AUGUST 13, 2012 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, August 13, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of August 6, 2012. Combs, Corman and Brown present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:01 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the agenda and the August 6, 2012 minutes as submitted. Also present for the meeting is Chuck Mittan of the Superior Express.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of the County Road Department. Warren submitted a map of the courthouse grounds, showing the portions of the sidewalks that need to be replaced. Warren estimated approximately 98 yards of cement is needed. Warren informed the Board of a wood deck bridge being damaged by fire, which was reported by the Nuckolls County Sheriff's Office. The estimated damage to the wood planks will cost around \$500.00. Bridge #C006524020 located between Sections 2 & 11, T1N-R5W (Hardy Precinct) was reported by Mainelli Wagner of having a cap split which will need to be replaced. Project C-65(572), located between Section 7 & 18, T1N-R6W (Garfield Precinct) Twin Barns will be started today. Warren noted that he is having guys out mowing and spraying around bridges this week. An update was given on the Nuckolls/Clay County Bridge Project C-65(656), which should be ready to be bid in September. Warren also gave an update on Project C-65(302), which is being planned to be bid in October.

The Board gave an update on the Tire Recycling Project held August 11, 2012. The County received 113.9 ton of tires in 3 ½ hours. The County's limit was 59 ton.

Derek Clark, City of Superior met briefly with the Board regarding Project BR-1990(7), In Superior, 8th Street Bridge. Clark informed the Board that as the bridge is in the City limits, it does not qualify for 5% of the Federal allowances. Clark noted he is still anticipating the project will go forward with a construction date around June/July 2013. Clark submitted to the Board a Resolution and Agreement regarding the change in the costs.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to approve signing the Resolution #08-13-2012 which Authorizes Chairman Combs as LPA to sign the Project Agreement for Project BR-1990(7), In Superior. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the LPA Program Agreement-BR Funds for Project BR-1990(7), In Superior. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Vicki Ensign, Treasurer met with the Board to submit the County Treasurer's Distress Warrant Report for August 13, 2012. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to approve the Report as submitted. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Ensign submitted a Resolution for approval to change, add or release a Pledged Security for the County Treasurer's office for collateral on bank deposits. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to approve the Resolution dated August 13, 2012 for Pledged Security to release pledge security to Hamilton Mich Cmmt School District in the amount of 200,000.00 and add pledge security to Buffalo Cnty Neb**



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School Dist No 009 in the amount of \$225,000.00 to protect bank deposits in excess of FDIC at Commercial Bank. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Tim Stutzman, Emergency Manager/Noxious Weed Superintendent met with the Board to submit an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Public Safety Services by an Among The Counties of Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Dawson, Franklin, Frontier, Gosper, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Kearney, Lincoln, Nuckolls, Phelps, and Webster and the Cities and Villages Within Said Counties. The agreement is effective August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2017. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to Authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Agreement. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Stutzman also submitted a copy of the NE EMPG Grand Award in the amount of \$25,333.00 for 2012. Stutzman as the Emergency Manager will be required to submit claims to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency in either Monthly or Quarterly and will receive the grant funds quarterly to reimburse his claims. Stutzman reported that he and the Twin Valley Weed Management toured the Little Blue River looking for noxious weeds such as fragmities. He reported they did find a couple patches of fragmities, He also noted that honey locust trees and willows are a problem on the Little Blue River.

The Board met with Tim Schmidt, County Attorney regarding the longevity bonus policy for part time employees who were hired before 1997. Also present are Susan Rogers, Assessor; Vicki Ensign, Treasurer and Royce Gonzales, District Court Clerk. Some questions had been asked last week that were addressed. Clerk Kassebaum contacted Nebraska Department of Labor to get their determination and reported her findings to the Board. After some discussion it was determined that the part time employees who are receiving a pro-rated bonus will continue to receive the pro-rated bonus until they max out at \$150.00. A claim will be submitted by employee for back wages in the amount of \$1,470.00 to the County Clerk for payment. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to make the part-time employees who were hired prior to 1997 that are receiving the pro-rated longevity bonus will continue receiving the pro-rated longevity bonus until they reach \$150.00 and continue the \$150.00 a month bonus until they leave employment with the County. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

A contract with Deb Klein was submitted for Janitorial/Custodial Services for Nuckolls County Courthouse for approval. The contract is effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$1,700.00 a month. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the said contract with Deb Klein for Janitorial/Custodial Services for Nuckolls County Courthouse effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$1,700.00. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Donald Williams and Carrie Miller both members of the Nuckolls County Safety Committee met with the Board to give a report on the Safety Committee's recommendations. They discussed having a Driver's Training Program implemented for the County as recommended by Nirma. This will require all county employees who drive county vehicles to attend and pass the Driver's Training Program. The Safety Committee would like to set this up for sometime this fall. The Board requested to have a certificate printed for each employee who completes the training. The Safety Committee handbook will be updated to accommodate this change. The County Board of Commissioners will be required to make the final approval of the handbook changes. The County Road Department will be conducting a "Chainsaw Safety Training" soon.

Williams and Miller also submitted the June 21, 2012 Safety Committee Minutes. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Combs to accept the June 21, 2012 Safety Committee Minutes as submitted. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**



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An application for membership to the Heritage Highway, Byway 136 was submitted for approval. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the application form to the Heritage Highway, Byway 136 for 2012 membership. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Lyle Mertens of the Nuckolls County Fairboard met with the Commissioners to submit an application for a Special Designated Liquor License for September 15, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. for beer, wine and spirits for a wedding reception. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Application submitted by the Nuckolls County Ag Society for a wedding reception on September 15, 2012 to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits at the Nuckolls County Fair Ag Building". Combs, Corman and Brown all voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

The Board met with the Budget Making Authority on the 2012/2013 County Budget. Vicki Ensign and Royce Gonzales were both present. Discussions were held regarding projects that need to be done within the fiscal year. The Extension roof to be re-shingled, gutters repaired and installed at the Courthouse, cement work on the Courthouse sidewalks, install a vertical lift on the main floor of the courthouse and ceiling tiles for the upstairs where water has damaged them. Ensign submitted a new Estimated County Budget for the Board showing current figures. Also submitted was a 2012 School Valuation Figures to show that the County is seeing a reduction in Specials Assessments for 2012 in the amount of 1,049,133. The Real Estate & Personal Property is showing an increase from 2011. The total increase in valuation from 2011 is 79,959,284.

It was determined to do a final review of the budget on August 27, 2012 and to hold the Budget Hearing on September 4, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

It was determined to hold a bid letting for the Re-shingling on the Extension Building Roof for August 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. The Board would like to have the roof re-shingled by September 30, 2012. Also discussed is some items they would like to have on the spec sheet.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 12:23 p.m. until Monday, August 20, 2012.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman
By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk